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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- CONTINUATION OF
ROUND- TABLE DISCUSSION APRIL 10 AFTERNOON SESSION

1. SUMMARY: AFTERNOON CLOSED ROUND- TABLE DISCUSSION
WAS MARKED BY ONE OF BEST AND FREEST INTERCHANGES TO DATE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL AND OTHER CCMS QUESTIONS. ATMOSPHERE
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WAS INFORMAL, AND EXCHANGE FRANK. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS INTERCHANGE BETWEEN BELGIUM AND ITALY ON THE ONE HAND, AND FRG ON THE OTHER REGARDING SOVIET INTEREST IN ECE ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION. RANDERS NOTED HIS CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS AND THEIR INTEREST IN CCMS. U. S. DESCRIBED ONGOING U. S.- SOVIET BILATERAL PROGRAMS AND STATUS UN ENVIRONMENT SECRETARIAT. U. S. ALSO EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SPOKANE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSITION IN 1974. END SUMMARY.

2. AMB. SKARSTEIN (NORWAY) COMMENTED ON OSLO NORTH SEA POLLUTION CONVENTION DESCRIBING THOSE PROVISIONS BECOMING EFFECTIVE WHEN SEVEN RATIFICATIONS RECEIVED. EARLY RATIFICATION BY REMAINING SIGNATORIES WAS URGED. SKARSTEIN NOTED THAT IRELAND HAD RECENTLY SIGNED THE CONVENTION. HE SAID A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN CREATED TO DEVELOP A CONVENTION ON THE REGULATION OF HARMFUL DISCHARGES DIRECTLY FROM LAND TO FURTHER EXPAND POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES OF THE OSLO CONVENTION.

3. KRIEPS (LUXEMBOURG STATE SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT) DISCUSSED LUXEMBOURG'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, WHICH UNTIL RECENTLY HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SLIGHT. PROBLEMS RELATE TO IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY AND TO DEVELOPMENTS SINCE WORLD WAR II WITH CREATION OF NEW INDUSTRIES AND ADDITIONAL POWER REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE LUXEMBOURG CANNOT AFFORD RESEARCH IN ALL ENVIRONMENTAL FIELDS AND THEREFORE LOOKS TO ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS CCMS FOR HELP. LUXEMBOURG IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ESTABLISHED.

4. AMB. CALENDIA (ITALY) NOTED ITALY'S PARTICIPATION IN CCMS PROJECTS ON HIGHWAY SAFETY AND ESV. SHORTLY ITALY WOULD DISTRIBUTE A PAPER ON ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION IN ITALY. GOI IS ABOUT TO COMPLETE A STUDY ON ITS ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL BE UPDATED EVERY TWO YEARS AND WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO FUND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

5. EDGEWORTH (CANADA) NOTED CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAD JUST COMPLETED NUTRITIONAL SURVEY SHOWING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VARIATIONS IN FOOD CONSUMPTIONS AND PRESENCE OF CONTAMINANTS.

6. AMB. SALMON (BELGIUM) AND AMB. CALENDIA (ITALY) STATED THAT THEIR IMPRESSIONS IN GENEVA WERE THAT SOVIETS WERE VERY RESERVED RE FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION IN ECE. ITALIANS AND BELGIANS FELT SOVIETS WERE NOT PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO DEVELOP CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN ECE; THEY WERE RELATIVELY MORE ENTHUSIASTIC PERHAPS WITH RESPECT TO MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM PROJECTS. MENKE- GLUCKERT (FRG) STATED THAT HE FELT SOVIET RELUCTANCE IN ECE WAS DUE TO FACT THEY WERE WAITING FOR RESULTS OF CSCE PRIOR TO MAKING COMMITMENT IN THIS REGARD.

7. MOELLER (DENMARK) DISCUSSED RECENT DANISH ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND THE CREATION OF ITS NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MINISTRY. NEW BILL HAS RECENTLY BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE PARLIAMENT PROVIDING MEANS FOR ATTACKING ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THEIR TOTALITY. IT PROVIDES BROAD POWERS TO THE MINISTRY
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